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For: **Combination Staple Gun and Cap**)
Feeding Device)
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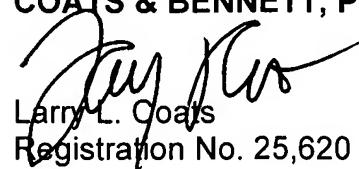
On February 15, 2005 an interview was conducted with Mr. Paul Durand and Mr. Scott Smith. During the course of the interview the pending claims were discussed. Counsel for Applicant pointed out that the manual staple gun as claimed in claim 1 for example, calls for the mechanical linkage being movable in response to the staple gun being manually actuated by impacting the staple gun against the work surface. This causes a staple to be expelled from the staple gun, and also is operative to actuate the shuttle mechanism and drive the feeder. It is important to appreciate that in Applicant's invention there is a simultaneous operation of the stapling and cap feeding mechanism.

The remarks contained in the response dated February 16, 2005 generally summarize the discussions with the Examiners.

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